

# INFORMATION BULLETIN

## WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT

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TO: WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY

SUBJECT: DOL GRANTS AWARDED TO TRAIN BIOTECHNOLOGY WORKERS

The Department of Labor (DOL) recently announced two grants totaling \$4.5 million to train biotechnology workers in the San Francisco Bay area and the greater San Diego area. The grants are part of a \$17.2 million national effort, developed under the President's High Growth Job Training Initiative, which is a strategic effort to better prepare workers to take advantage of new job opportunities in high growth sectors of the economy.

- A two-year, \$2 million grant to the Alameda Workforce Investment Board (WIB) will allow collaboration with the San Mateo WIB to expand and refine a successful pilot conducted in San Mateo County, to train 150 entry-level biotech manufacturing technicians, and retrain 40 engineers dislocated from the airline, aerospace, and IT sectors, to fill positions in facilities management, quality control, and project engineering.
- A two-year, \$2.5 million grant will be used by the San Diego Workforce Partnership to establish a clearinghouse of biotechnology industry labor market information, and to develop internships for high-school through post-doctoral students to provide hands-on, industry-standard, career ladder learning opportunities. Grant funds also will be used for an externship program to provide opportunities for teachers to learn about education and skill requirements directly from area biotechnology employers, so they are equipped to begin building a needed pipeline of biotechnology workers.

For more information about the President's High Growth Training Initiative, visit [www.workforceatm.org/articles/template.cfm?results\\_art\\_filename=sanfrangrant.htm](http://www.workforceatm.org/articles/template.cfm?results_art_filename=sanfrangrant.htm).

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